

## **Joint City-County Planning Task Force**

January 27, 2014 10:00 a.m.

Greene County Archives & Election Center, 1126 Boonville Ave.

Meeting #11

Task Force Members present:

Greg Burris, Springfield City Manager  
Cindy Stein, Greene County Auditor  
Mary Mannix Decker, City of Springfield Financial Director  
Chief Paul Williams, Springfield Police Department  
Sheriff Jim Arnott, Greene County Sheriff's Department  
Jerry Moyer, Greene County Court Administrator  
Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecutor

The meeting began at approximately 10:10 a.m. with a welcome from Greg Burris, Springfield City Manager. Mr. Burris asked the members to review the notes from the January 8, 2014 meeting and asked if there were any comments or changes. Seeing none, Cindy Stein, Greene County Auditor, moved to approve the notes as presented. Mary Mannix Decker, City of Springfield Financial Director, seconded the motion and the notes were approved.

Mr. Burris directed the members to the two handouts regarding Law Enforcement Scenarios. The handouts included possible scenarios, each to build on the other, and to include items from the proceeding scenario. The first scenario was "Status Quo"; the second, "One Notch" Increase; and the third, "Toughest on Crime" Stance. Greene County Sheriff, Jim Arnott, was first to discuss the County's scenarios explaining that the initial step would attempt to maintain a constant number of sworn and non-sworn staff. The next step, "One Notch" Increase, would include additional staff to reduce response time, expansion of units, and add an additional 700 beds to the current jail facility. The third scenario "Toughest on Crime," would continue to increase the staff and add an additional 1000 beds.

Mr. Burris asked how long it would take before a 700-bed facility would be filled. Sheriff Arnott estimated that it would take 2-3 years before it was at capacity. Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecutor, added that the judicial system has trouble dealing with cases in a timely fashion. Ideally, a prosecution case should take six months. Now it can take 1-2 years. Sheriff Arnott stated the jail was primarily full of pre-trial cases. Springfield Chief of Police, Paul Williams, estimated 90-95% of inmates are awaiting trial. Mr. Burris asked if there are people on the streets who need to be in jail and whether the use of ankle bracelets was working. Sheriff Arnott said, yes, pre-trial and some bondsmen are using some ankle bracelets, however there are people on the streets that need to be in jail. Mr. Patterson asked whether the additional personnel cost would allow for a Cost of Living Adjustment. Sheriff Arnott replied that it did not.

Chief Williams explained the City's Law Enforcement Scenarios beginning with the charts and graphs which depicted a steady increase of Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) by 20% over the past 10 years. He forecast a steady 2-3% increase in total crimes, however since a new definition of rape has been established he expects the greatest increase to come from rape cases.

In response to the "Status Quo" scenario, Chief Williams explained the importance of maintaining a constant authorized strength of sworn and non-sworn officers; continued work with volunteer programs; the addition of a security camera "network" for prevention and investigation; and proposed using a self-reporting method for non-injury traffic crashes. The second scenario, "One Notch" Increase, would add officers/investigators and units. The third scenario "Toughest on Crime," would continue to build

personnel and units. Chief Williams noted that the City's scenarios included mainly personnel compared to the County's primary capital expense for expanding the jail.

The Task Force continued a brief discussion of the implications of the scenarios, the impact of the jail numbers and prosecution of criminals.

Mr. Burris directed the group to the handout detailing future Task Force meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2014, 8-9:30 a.m. at the Busch Building. Without further discussion, the meeting was dismissed at 11:10 a.m.